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## Kern High district approves cuts to PE, jail teachers

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The Kern High School District school board on Monday night approved to cut six physical education and health teachers, and eight others who teach adult inmates at Lerdo Jail.

But those eight jobs, which are county-funded, are expected to be saved come June as they have in past years, said Mark Wyatt, principal for Bakersfield Adult School. That's when county supervisors will vote on funding for those jobs.

The Lerdo teachers, who are hired by KHSD and work out of the adult school, provide classes in art, life skills, business and other courses to help inmates obtain a general education diploma. Teachers also hold seminars on substance abuse, domestic violence, anger management and family relations, among other things.

But by law, school districts must notify certificated staff -- teachers -- of potential layoffs by March 15. And because funding is not yet in place for those jobs, the employees will receive notices.

And so will six physical education and health teachers, who are being pink-slipped because to boundary changes, school officials said. The cuts affect the least-senior teachers. As a result of those cuts, 30 school periods are lost, according to school board reports.

The cuts drop teaching positions in those subjects to 101 next school year. In all, KHSD has about 1,500 teachers.

Last school year, KHSD issued 32 notices due to boundary issues but all were rehired by fall, KHSD officials said.

In other business, the school board also received a second interim budget report, which received a "positive certification." That means KHSD can meet its fiscal obligations this and the next two years.

And the board heard about the district's efforts to inform parents and students about a new state law requiring students entering grades seven through 12 to get a shot for pertussis, or whooping cough. Students entering the shot to be admitted next school year. The district now has a link on its home



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